



2004 ANNUAL REPORT

*Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Inc.
Located within the
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest*

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp

A "Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity" for Many Students

Written by Tom Snoddy, Virginia Department of Forestry Area Forester in Spotsylvania County and first-time camp counselor



The "Maples" take a break in between Arborist activities.

Camp has come and gone for the 58th time, and before the campers have all left, many of the counselors are asking each other "Will I see you here next year?" It's hard to say who had more fun at camp this year, the campers or the staff.

Although the forestry and natural resource classes were taught at a high school level, I found that I learned something new every day. The campers were exposed to a wide variety of topics in various nooks and crannies of a vast forest. All students learned about wildlife, reforestation, timber harvesting, forest ecology, forest management, dendrology, tree improvement, environmental protection and forest measurements. Quizzes and tests kept the students striving to do their best.

The teens were also offered a wide variety of outdoor recreation exploratory courses, ranging from the use of GPS units and aerial photographs to skeet shooting. Many students experienced these activities for the first time in their lives.

Sports were a highlight of the week, in particular the softball and volleyball competitions. Horseshoes were available, as well as a very nice pool, soccer, ping-pong, tennis and a game I had never heard of before- 'gua-gua' (pronounced gaa-gaa). I was very impressed with the sportsmanlike conduct of all the participants.

Each evening, the entire camp gathered for 'Reflections'- a few moments of silent time to collect our thoughts, followed by encouraging words or observations about the beauty of our environment. It was a peaceful break built in to a busy schedule.

A number of guest speakers gave presentations each night. One of the most memorable demonstrations was the rocket nets used to capture wild turkeys for wildlife research. On another evening, the camp watched Virginia Department of Forestry employees Mike Armstrong and his bloodhound, Levi, track a camp counselor to his hiding spot. Probably the most entertaining presentation was prepared by the campers themselves: the camp talent show. The students displayed quite a bit of talent after just a short period of time to prepare. A young

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harmonica player from Front Royal won the show, although he had some very tough competition. Other contestants included singers, instrumentalists and Vaudeville-style performers. We were even entertained by a pair of twin young ladies visiting our camp. They performed a song written for their recent kindergarten graduation.

Eighty-five students from 36 counties in Virginia attended camp this year, including 23 female students. Awards were given to the top 10 academic performers, with prizes consisting of flashlights, sleeping bags and other outdoor gear. This year's top academic performer was Allison Carlstrom from Stafford County, who walked away with a \$100 Savings Bond and some other nice gifts for her efforts.

As much as we all like to see students do well academically, it was equally rewarding to watch the students interact with each other throughout the week and exhibit qualities that are difficult to measure with tests. The entire camp staff was encouraged by the determination, drive, spirit, compassion, teamwork, responsibility, and good attitude displayed by the campers. It isn't easy to put our lives on hold for a week to stay in cabins without air conditioning and work the long camp days. But watching the campers leave with a better understanding of Virginia's forests and a trunk full of happy memories is indeed a rewarding experience.

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is coordinated by the Virginia Department of Forestry and Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center with support from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, forest industries, conservation agencies and organizations, and individual forest stewards committed to youth conservation education.



Mike Hayslett, natural resource education coordinator at the 4-H Center, shared very special Nature Moments before lunch each day.



Campers search for aquatic life in a local creek during the Save Our Streams exploratory course.



The crosscut saw is one of several traditional forestry tools used during the Lumberjack Field Day.

2004 CAMP STAFF

CAMP DIRECTOR

Denny McCarthy - VDOF - Salem Region

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

Alan Craft - VDOF - Alleghany County

Gale Washburn - VDOF - Lunenburg County

CAMP REGISTRAR

Becky Woodson - VDOF - Charlottesville

Sue Tennant - VDOF - Farmville

Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)



Students learn which types of trees will be harvested in a series of commercial thinnings.

INSTRUCTORS

Environmental Protection	Karen Stanley – VDOF – Rockbridge County
Reproducing the Forest.....	Heather Sneade – VDOF – Dinwiddie County
Tree Identification, Insects, Disease.....	Amy Bigger – Smurfit-Stone Corporation – Keysville
Forest Measurements	Randy Ogle – Smurfit-Stone Corporation – Powhatan
Timber Harvesting	Billy Newman – EnviroFor LLC, Consulting Forester – Nelson County
.....	Terry Brennan – VDOF – Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest
Wildlife Management.....	Laura Polant – VDOF – Floyd County
Tree Improvement, Nursery Mgmt.....	Paul Reier – VDOF – New Kent Forestry Center
Forest Ecology	Ward Robens – Dabney-Lancaster Community College
Forest Management	Pat Murphy – VDOF – Prince Edward County
Save Our Streams	Mike Hayslett – Holiday Lake Natural Resource Education Coordinator
Canoeing	Becca Barnett – Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Skeet Shooting	Thomas Woodson and Antwan Rose, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Archery	Aaron LaFleur, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Climbing Tower.....	Chance Holder, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
High Ropes Initiative	Jason Piatt, Holiday Lake 4-H Center
Wildfire Tactics and Equipment	Alex Williamson – VDOF – Halifax
.....	Mike Womack – VDOF – Appomattox–Buckingham State Forest
.....	Hal Myers – VDOF – Amherst County
Wilderness Survival.....	Sgt. Charles Horton – Virginia Army National Guard
Fly Fishing	Dan Genest and Billy Pearsal– Dominion Virginia Power
Map and Compass	Sgt. Charles Horton – Virginia Army National Guard
GPS Mapping/Aerial Photo	Michael LaChance – 4-H Nelson County Cooperative Extension
PLT Educator Training.....	Lisa Deaton – VDOF – Project Learning Tree State Coordinator
Urban Forestry Arborist Demonstration	Alan Jones – Bartlett Tree Experts
Lumberjack Field Day.....	Gale Washburn – VDOF – Lunenburg County
Bloodhound Tracking Team.....	Mike Armstrong and Levi – VDOF - Rockingham County
Rocket Net Demonstration	Gary Norman – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
.....	David Coffman – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Wildlife Calling Contest	David Coffman – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Game Warden Duties	Sgt. Bill Kidd – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Bear Research	Mark Puckett – Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

COUNSELORS

Carrie Bellmore – Dabney-Lancaster Comm. Coll.
 Laura Polant – VDOF – Floyd County
 Karen Stanley – VDOF – Rockbridge County
 Debbie Howe – VDOF – Charlottesville
 Heather Snead – VDOF – Dinwiddie County
 Melissa Hooper – Virginia Tech Grad Student
 Carl Belew – VDOF – Charlottesville
 Todd Kready – VDOF - Henry County
 Scott Siebert – VDOF – Cumberland State Forest
 R. J. Garman – VDOF, retired

Will Shoup – VDOF – Lancaster/Northumberland
 Randy Short – VDOF – Scott County
 John Willoughby – VDOF – Louisa County
 Tom Snoddy – VDOF – Spotsylvania County
 David Groves – VDOF – HEARTH Homeschool
 Hylton Haynes – VDOF – Nottoway County
 Bill Macintosh – Mountain Castles SWCD
 Scott Detar – Georgia-Pacific Corporation
 Derek Mays – Amherst County Public Schools

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Holston River	Shenandoah Valley
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James River	Three Rivers
John Marshall	
Lake Country	

Budget Summary

The 2004 Camp cost \$250 per camper for meals, lodging and all other camp expenses. Campers paid a \$55 registration fee, and all 85 campers received a full scholarship for the remaining costs. There were 62 male and 23 female students this year. The 46 staff members served as "in-kind" contributors who were paid by their employers or truly volunteered their time. The staff represented 16 organizations.

EXPENSES

4-H Education Center

Food and Facilities	\$14,845
Vans	\$250
Program Staff Fees	\$1,300
Administrative Fees	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$16,895

Camper and Staff T-shirts	\$1,273
Appomattox School Buses	\$450
Camper Notebook Printing	\$616
Academic Awards	\$461
Promotional Materials	\$1,532
SUBTOTAL	\$4,332

TOTAL EXPENSES \$21,227

PERCENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BY CONTRIBUTOR CATEGORY

12 Forest Industries	35%	\$5,800
3 Consulting Foresters	2%	\$300
4 Agencies	12%	\$2,077
10 Association and Individuals	32%	\$5,225
21 Soil & Water Conservation Districts	19%	\$3,150

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$16,552

REVENUE

Sponsor Scholarships (detail above) \$16,552
Student Registration Fee
85 Students X \$55 \$4,675

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